

**Presentation to  
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on Natural and Economic Resources  
N. C. General Assembly**

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# Planning & Investment

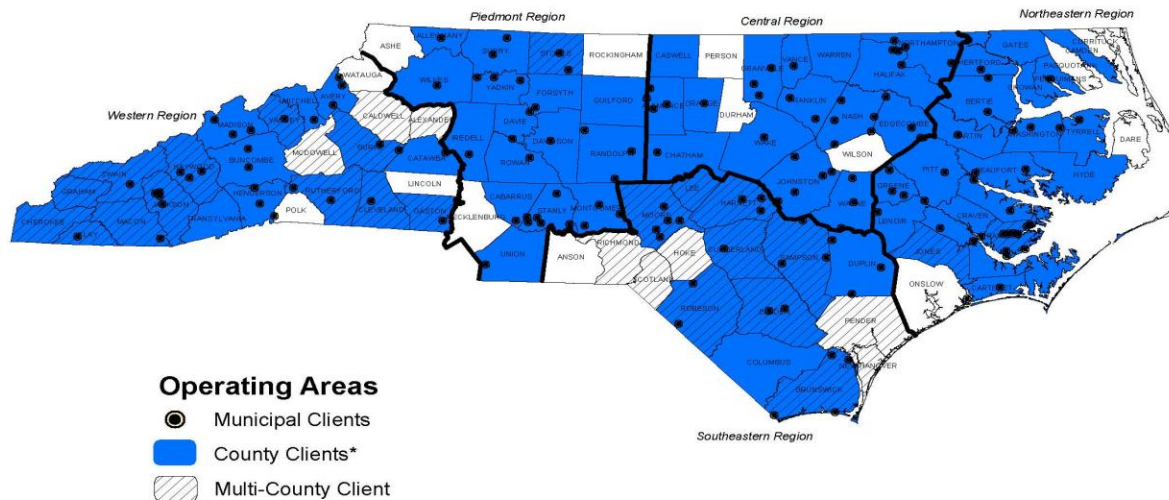
- Many local governments do not have adequate planning staffs and rely on DCA
- Planning services for small NC towns and counties have been provided for over 50 years
- These services are provided utilizing 4 regional offices and the Raleigh office
- Planning services are coordinated with NCDOT, Council of Governments, Universities, ARC, etc.

# Planning Projects 2007 - 2012



North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Division of Community Assistance  
Planning Project Locations 2007-2012

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Multi-County: RLUAC, Sustainable Sandhills, Fort Bragg Regional Alliance (formerly BRAC), Sustainable Sandhills Combat Air Team, CAMA, 21st Century, Green Business Fund for WNC 21st CC  
\*Denotes Project Activity in County

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# Planning & Investment

- Land Use Planning, Zoning, Strategic Planning, Development Ordinance assistance, Economic and Market Studies; Downtown Revitalization Planning; GIS Mapping and Spatial Analysis
- Planning and CDBG increase the quality of life and improves the economy for NC citizens

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- N.C. utilizes the existing DCA Planning staff as match for \$42,500,000 annually in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds
- Currently 20% of the funds are provided to the Commerce Finance Center for Economic Development
- This year, the General Assembly has designated residential infrastructure as a priority

# Planning & Investment

- N.C. received and administered \$42,500,000 through grants to local governments
  - Water & Sewer Infrastructure
  - Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance
  - Scattered Site Housing
  - Catalyst grants
  - Talent Enhancement Capacity Building
- These programs stimulate the local economy, help create private sector jobs



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# Residential Infrastructure



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# Community Development Block Grant Authorized Categories

- Long Term Job Creation through CDBG – 70% must be Low to Moderate Income
- All grants must be allocated to non-entitlement local governments
  - This represents 60% of the state's population
- All grants must meet the National Objectives
- Compliance with State Plan



# HUD National Objectives

- Benefiting Low- and Moderate Income persons (LMI)
- Addressing slums and blight
- Meeting a particular urgent community development need

# Housing Rehabilitation

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# Key Measurements

- Planning
  - Implementation of land use plans
  - Grant application utilizing the plans
  - Increased commerce with zoning changes
  - Surveys after completing work and at one year

# Key Measurements

- CDBG Program
  - Jobs created and retained
  - Infrastructure installed
  - New or Improved housing units
  - Amount of funds dispersed
  - Number of grants closed

# Impact of Historical Budgetary Changes

- HUD funds to administer the Programs were reduced by the General Assembly effective with the 2013 HUD allocation.
  - Not enough funding to adequately administer the programs and keep NC in compliance
  - Need to restore Federal Funding to \$1,375,000
- \$19,740,000 is designated for infrastructure

# Consequence of Future Budget Reductions

- Any further reduction of state funding will further reduce service and jeopardize match requirement for HUD funds



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# QUESTIONS

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